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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67010

Kazuya TAKENOUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/035,271<sup>217</sup>

Group Art Unit: 1616

Confirmation No.: 4555

Examiner: S Qazi

Filed: January 04, 2002

For: VITAMIN D3 DERIVATIVE AND TREATING AGENT FOR INFLAMMATORY  
RESPIRATORY DISEASE USING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 45 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

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46. (Amended) A method for treating an inflammatory respiratory disease  
comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a vitamin D<sub>3</sub>  
compound expressed by the following general formula (1) or pharmaceutically permissible  
solvates thereof,

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